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PATENT #8

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: DeSimone et al.

Serial No.: 09/641,815

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For: CARBON DIOXIDE-SOLUBLE POLYMERS
AND SWELLABLE POLYMERS FOR CARBON DIOXIDE
APPLICATIONS

Examiner: Edward M. Johnson

Group Art Unit: 1754

July 16, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the Election of Species Requirement dated June 18, 2001. Applicants hereby elect hydrogenation reactions for the purposes of prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-48 are believed to be readable on this elected species.

Applicants point out that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Respectfully submitted,

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